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Scott opens door for funding

MPP Laurie Scott came to the Haliburton hospital to announce the \$130,000 funding to cover the expense of purchasing and installation of the two sets of automated doors at the main entrance on Tuesday, Oct. 12 in Haliburton. This is part of the \$1.329 million received by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services in 2020-21 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Local Health Integration Network for critical infrastructure upgrades. /DARREN LUM Staff

Rails End Gallery granted fifty grand

KATRINA BOGUSKI
Editor

In a world where few people value secrets, and even fewer seem capable of keeping them, it is good to know that one person can still keep the lid on things even when bursting with excitement to share the news with others. Over the

weekend, Laurie Jones, executive director of Rails End Gallery in Haliburton told the *Echo* that she knew earlier that the gallery would be receiving some funds, but she had to wait until the announcement was made public before she could share it with others.

A press release from MPP Laurie Scott was issued on Oct. 14 stating, “The Ontario government is providing more

than \$46 million to support 648 non-profit tourism, culture, sport and recreation organizations through the Community Building Fund’s Operating stream, including 10 organizations in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. The funding will be used to help them recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and deliver much-needed programs and services in our community.”

The Rails End Gallery, located at 23 York Street in Haliburton, was one of the local organizations fortunate enough to be receiving \$50,000 as part of this announcement.

When asked in an email what the \$50,000 would be spent on, Jones replied that most of the money would go toward

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New funds to help retain key staff

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operating expenses including "... year-round retention of key staff involved in program planning and delivery, administration and major event production such as Haliburton Art and Craft Festival and Haliburton Drum-Fest."

In the current labour market, many organizations are losing key staff due to massive employment changes brought on by the pandemic as well as by the epic exodus from the workforce sparked by the retirement of many baby boomers. Employee retention is becoming an important issue for organizations to consider more than ever before. Jones noted, "Staff support for the board of directors and volunteers is essential to mid and long term sustainability and our organization's capacity to deliver on our mission throughout the year."

Jones herself wrote the grant application, which was originally due at the end of April but had its deadline extended to June 1. In commenting on how the grant application process went, Jones said, "I attended

online sessions for potential applicants and found them extremely helpful. The vetting process was very thorough." She added, "The application itself had strict rules on [the] number of words I could use, forcing me to be clear and concise. Since the grant intent is to support mid and long term viability there was an emphasis on past performance, relevance and value to the community as a whole. The application was actually a nice way to reflect in what Rails End Gallery has done during my tenure as executive director."

Jones added, "I would like to thank the Province of Ontario and its grant administrator, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, also Baker Tilly, our accountants for their solid service and advice through COVID."

When asked about the gallery's biggest needs, Jones joked that what they need most is a crystal ball.

Short of that, working with their base of supporters will be the next best way to face the near future.

Jones said, "I anticipate the logistics of running major events in Head Lake Park have changed a lot in the past two years and they will continue to shift with a new

park plan, climate change, tourism and community concerns over parking. So our biggest need continues to be an engaged base of supporters, who recognize the societal value of the Arts and who are open to new ways of thinking about the role Rails End Gallery will play in supporting a sense of belonging, wellness and wonder post COVID while remaining financially secure.

If you have not already done so, Jones recommends signing up for free updates from the gallery by visiting railsendgallery.com. She also encourages people to visit in person soon. Look for more details about the gallery in a longer article in an upcoming edition of the *Echo*.

Also announced on Friday was the \$14,600 in funding received by Highlands Summer Festival.

"We know COVID-19 has presented challenges for our local non-profits and that's why our government is providing grants to ensure they can continue to provide the services and experiences our community members miss," said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the statement released from her office.

More funding announced for Haliburton County long-term care facilities

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

A statement released Oct. 15 by the MPP Laurie Scott said, "The Ontario government will provide up to \$270 million this year to long-term care homes across the province to increase staffing levels, leading to more direct care for residents. This includes \$4,199,774 for long-term care homes in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. This is part of the province's commitment to ensure long-term care residents receive—on average—four hours of direct care per day by 2024-25. It was also announced that as part of the government's plan to fix long-term care, it will bring forward legislation that will

enshrine its commitment to four hours of care into law."

Among those residents who will be benefiting from these funds are those at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, in Minden. The statement said the home "... will receive up to \$220,852 for additional staffing this year to increase the hours of direct care for residents. By the year 2024-2025, the home will receive \$1,352,700 annually more than their current funding."

Additionally, Highland Wood, in Haliburton, "... will receive up to \$106,861 for additional staffing this year to increase the hours of direct care for residents. By the year 2024-2025, the home will receive \$654,528 annually more than their current funding."

More funding will also go to Extendicare in Haliburton, which will receive "... up to \$156,738 for additional staffing this year to increase the hours of direct care for residents. By the year 2024-2025, the home will receive \$959,976 annually more than their current funding."

"This funding will allow long-term care homes in our community to hire additional staff so they can provide a better quality of care to local residents," said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. "This is part of our government's plan to train, hire, and retain thousands of new staff over the next four years."

The announcement said that currently, residents receive "... an average of two hours and 45 minutes of direct care from nurses and personal support workers.

This funding will increase the daily average to 3 hours, per resident per day by the end of this fiscal year."

In an email to the *Echo* sent shortly after the announcement was made, Bonnie Roe said, "In a meeting initiated by Laurie Scott, ... myself and Susan Taylor were pleased to represent the Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition. We were excited to hear about this announcement and others forthcoming around much needed new inspection protocols. We reiterated a need to continue to work together with our MPP, moving forward, but emphasized change is needed now and we need to hear specific timelines."

Roe added, "However, these monies are nowhere close to what is needed to provide the necessary 'safe levels of care' currently or by 2024-5. The loss of 30% of PSW'S in the workforce since the pandemic means a huge catch up that cannot be met with these monies or the current level of training. It is imperative that we see that these monies flow to LTC homes and are not just empty promises or that profits are being skimmed off the top by for-profit companies, which has happened during the pandemic. This is a start and with more pressure from advocates, families and our elders maybe we will begin to finally repair this broken system and return 'care and dignity' to the lives of residents in LTC."

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HHHS receives \$130K for infrastructure upgrades

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Haliburton hospital will soon have better access with \$130,000 of provincial funding announced Oct. 12 intended to fund the replacement of the building's main doors.

The automatic doors of the main entrance, which have exceeded their life expectancy, were the backdrop of the announcement, made by Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Carolyn Plummer.

"These doors have been in place basically since this portion of the building was built, so over 20 years and they've been operating over 20 years, and as I'm sure you can imagine they get used very frequently ... by the public, by our staff, by residents and patients alike," said Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. "They are well beyond their life expectancy and the repairs have been more frequent over the last two, three years. Unfortunately the door company we purchased these from is now no longer in existence, and the parts are becoming obsolete. To keep

our infrastructure up to date, we're really excited to be replacing these doors. They're great, they're automatic doors, they're accessible, so it certainly helps the public to be able to get into our facilities and access the services and it helps our staff as well."

According to a press release from Scott's office, the funding is part of the government's \$182.6 million investment provided through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund.

"Throughout the pandemic, our local hospitals have gone above and beyond to provide exceptional care to patients and families in Haliburton County," said Scott in a press release. "This new funding will help improve operations and support capacity building to ensure residents of Haliburton and surrounding areas have access to quality health care services."

HHHS received \$1.3 million in funding in 2020-21 through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Local Health Integration Network for critical infrastructure upgrades.

On Oct. 7, Scott was in Lindsay to announce \$1.7 million in funding for Ross Memorial Hospital.

with files from Darren Lum

Share the Warmth keeping individuals warm years later

ON COLD winter days Thomas Smith still feels warm thanks to a free coat he received a few years ago. An employee at Haliburton Foodland, Smith moved to the Highlands from Cambridge and heard about the Share the Warmth giveaway at the right time in his life.

"At that point in time I didn't have a job. I had just moved up here and only had a fall jacket and I didn't have any money to spend on a new coat," he said. He hasn't forgotten about how this community's generosity benefited him. "It got me through and I still have it," Smith says about the coat he received during the Share the Warmth giveaway that year. He hopes to donate his coat back one day.

Share the Warmth is an annual event organized by SIRCH Community Services. Last year, 1,450 pieces of good, used winter wear were donated! Volunteers checked and sorted the items. Then coats, snow pants, socks, boots, hats, mitts, scarves and other winter

accessories for men, women and children were given away from two different sites in the county on a particular day.

In Haliburton County the HKPR District Health Unit estimates that approximately 25 per cent of local children

live in poverty, meaning new winter gear may not be an option for them. It is more important than ever to help those who are vulnerable stay warm.

The SIRCH Sixth Annual 2021 Share the Warmth event is starting this week. If you have items you would like to donate, please ensure they are clean, in proper working order and are void of stains, rips and other signs of extreme wear.

Bring your donations, between Oct. 18 and

Oct. 30 to one of these drop off locations:

Minden drop off at: Easton's Valu-Mart, Dollo's Foodland, St. Paul's Anglican Church

Haliburton drop off at: Park's Foodland, Todd's Independent, SIRCH

Community Services, Algonquin Outfitters

SIRCH Share the Warmth Distribution Day is Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Haliburton pick up location: Lakeside Baptist Church

Minden pick up location: St. Paul's Anglican Church (capacity of 6 inside at a time)

Masks must be worn, but SIRCH is not requiring vaccine passports.

Everything will be available free of charge.

SIRCH Executive Director Gena Robertson believes this initiative is just another example of neighbours helping neighbours in whatever way they can.

"It is so heartwarming to hear stories like the one Thomas shared, about how a simple gesture of receiving a coat has left a lasting impact," she said. "We have seen so much generosity in the past when it comes to Share the Warmth and we are hopeful this year will be no different." She is particularly appreciative of the many stores that collect the winter clothing on SIRCH's behalf.

Smith is grateful to SIRCH for their ongoing support of the community. "They will give you some sort of connection on where you can get help. They're very helpful in that way," he

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Share The Warmth volunteers organize donated items at the fifth annual giveaway held in November 2020. Organized by SIRCH Community Services, Share the Warmth is an annual winter gear clothing drive that distributes coats, boots, hats, gloves and more for free in Haliburton and Minden. /Submitted

said. "They are a great resource for the community." He would recommend the Share the Warmth giveaway to anyone who might be in need of winter gear.

Hawks elevated play not enough against Saints

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

After opening the Kawartha High School Field Hockey League season with a home loss against the Hurricanes the week before, the Red Hawks girls' field hockey team was able to take the energy from the home crowd and enable them to sustain an intensity worthy of a win for the duration of the game against the top-ranked Saints from St. Peter Catholic Secondary School.

Despite the strong play, it wasn't enough against the undefeated Saints' side that included two elite players said the Hawks head coach, Steve Smith and the team's three captains, Bella Smolen, Brook Stover and Cassidy McMullen.

Coach Smith wrote in a message, "The Saints have a couple of key players who dominate the play with their stick handling and movement of the ball. The team plays very aggressively but, clean, no real rough plays. They collapse on defence and put many bodies in the circle to defend. This will create opportunities for our girls moving forward."

Before the game, he told the Hawks side to remember the pressure was on the opposition.

"I told the girls that they were playing next week regardless of the outcome of this game and the pressure was mostly on the Saints to remain unbeaten. I told them that they have had a great week of practices and to be proud of where they have come in a short turnaround since starting off as a "club" initially and then having to decide whether to be competitive against other schools. This was a group decision which I supported," he said.

He continued, "The goal for this game was to be smart about where and when opportunities arose and to capitalize on them. We had a lot of opportunities during the first half and the girls played extremely well against the Saints."



A Saints player attempts to allude Red Hawks defender Cheyenne Degeer, who leaps to avoid the ball, committing a foul during Kawartha field hockey action on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Saints beat the Hawks 1-nil to remain undefeated./DARREN LUM Staff

Following the loss, the Hawks players came together for a brief cheer.

Co-captain Stover explained the team's performance belied this result and was deserving of a cheer.

"We cheered because we may not have won point wise, but we played really well and had ... a lot of it was very evened out," she said.

Co-captain Smolen added the team wasn't only strong for the first half like the week before against the Hurricanes, but for the entire game.

"At the half, we kind of shut down, but this week we played straight through," she said.

She pointed out the Hawks kept the game close, losing 1-nil, which was a better goal differential when compared to the Hurricanes, who lost 4-1 to the Saints.

Co-captain McMullen said she was just happy to have been able to play at all after

the pandemic left the team without a season. She believed her team was better prepared than the first game.

Stover said first game jitters was a factor last week and this wasn't the case against the Saints.

"A lot of it is a lot of our team has never played a game before, so that was our first game for a lot of us and now we're more experienced from the other game and we learned from our last one and applied it here," she said.

Spacing between players and execution of plays has improved, she added.

This Saints game also provided an insight to the Hawks about areas the team needs to improve with such as the "diamond" defensive scheme said McMullen. A momentary lapse allowed a break in the defence for the Saints to find the back of the net in the second half.

The Hawks and the Hurricanes will

square off this week in a Kawartha semi-final game.

The winner will play the Saints the next week for the Kawartha title. In the case of a tie, the team with the better goal differential will advance to play the Saints, which will be the Hawks, who are negative two while the Hurricanes are negative three. Both games are at 3 p.m. The Kawartha champion will advance to OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championship because this year there won't be COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association) championship.

Typically there would be two games in the day, but with COVID-19 protocols there is only one game a week permitted.

The captains' message to their team moving forward is to "To be loud and be proud."

Stover said she wants the team to get excited and Smolen said it will help the players to play with their heads up to ensure they can see the play develop, ensuring there is spacing and to prevent fouls of obstruction.

"Considering the times we're in it's great. Things have gotten back to slightly normal," Stover said.

Smith said it was coaching errors this game like last game that contributed to challenges on the pitch.

"Again, a couple of coaching changes made for a tired bunch of girls who had to maintain their cool during a barrage of short corners - eight. The defence and goalies had their work cut out for them during that time," he said. "The goal today was to compete and they did more than do that and gave the first place team something to talk about on the way back home."

Smith said the team is coming together well this short season.

"The girls are starting to gel as a team and improving each and every day. As coaches we are extremely proud of them," he said.

County backs letter on backlogs

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

More support will be needed for public health units for “catch up and recovery” as they enter a new stage of the pandemic.

That’s the gist of an urgent-sounding letter signed by Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU) chair Doug Elmslie. The letter, addressed to Ontario Minister of Health Christine Elliott, was endorsed and supported by Haliburton County councillors at their virtual meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The letter cited not only the incredible challenge of controlling COVID locally, but also its impact on other public health programs, which took a back seat during the height of the pandemic, when staff and money were redeployed just to keep the virus under control.

“I’m really pleased this letter is com-

ing forward, this is an ongoing theme throughout COVID,” said Councillor Andrea Roberts, adding that she has heard stories of dieticians being deployed to work at vaccination centres. “So many programs ... have gone by the wayside.”

The letter stated that “throughout the pandemic, resources at HKPRDHU have been diverted from pre-existing services to ensure a timely response to COVID-19 and prevent further spread of the virus throughout Ontario. Similar to other areas of the health sector, difficult decisions have been made about which programs to scale down (or stop) and which to continue.”

This has resulted in a backlog of services that included the following: 2,400 students missed school-based immunization programs and an additional 1,200 have not been offered second doses to complete their full immunization series through the school program.

Also, more than 70 small drinking

water systems still require inspection. And 5,300 local children are overdue for oral health screenings.

“We are reaching a point locally that if we don’t start to catch up on these services the backlog will become too large of a hurdle to overcome,” the letter continued. “As such, we intend to build in capacity to begin addressing this issue but will require assurance from the Ministry that extraordinary costs associated with this will be covered.”

The letter also states that it’s now clear that the work associated with controlling COVID “will require dedicated attention for many years to come.” Tasks such as case and contact management, outbreak management and communication will continue and health agencies will need funding to support these programs.

Yet, at the same time, funding increases to public health have not happened often enough, the letter argued.

“Prior to COVID-19, local public health agencies had received only one increase

to base funding in the past five years. Despite this, several new programs were introduced to the Ontario Public Health Standards, including Vision Screening and requirements to respond to Infection Prevention and Control Complaints and inspection of private swimming pools.”

The letter also contained some eye-opening statistics about COVID in Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, HKPRDHU has responded to more than 2,300 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 71 COVID-19 related outbreaks. The health unit has also responded to more than 700 community complaints regarding infection prevention and control and enforcement for COVID-19 public health measures, and 6,930 COVID-19 related inquiries through its COVID-19 call centre. In addition, HKPRDHU has been responsible for getting 270,000 doses of vaccine into the arms of local residents.

New master plan coming for ambulance service

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

Some big decisions loom for Haliburton County on how to manage paramedic services, in light of a perceived growing population.

Haliburton County councillors voted on Oct. 13 to begin the process of developing a new master plan for ambulance service.

The plan, which is expected to cost tax-

payers \$100,000, will look at “everything to do with our services,” said emergency services director Tim Waite. It could lead to new recommendations on base locations, staffing levels and how to handle increased call volumes.

Waite said Haliburton County Paramedic Service has seen “significant growth” in call volume over the last 18 and 19 months. He suspects that increase is partly due to COVID, but also due to growth in population.

Councillors supported the request to

begin the master plan with no reservations. The unanimous vote means that a request for proposal will be sent out for consulting firms interested in taking on the project. The county will also apply to access “modernization funding” supplied by the province, to cover the costs.

Waite’s report led to a spirited discussion on the need for Haliburton County to address the challenge of providing health care needs at a time when the population of the county is perceived to be growing. Yet, several councillors noted, it’s hard to know the precise extent of that growth.

Councillor Andrea Roberts argued that Statistics Canada data on the county’s population is unreliable, as it can’t keep up with the fluid nature of people moving in and out of cottage country. That means the county must plan for health services while unsure of how many people might

need the service each year.

County Chief Administrative Officer Mike Rutter agreed that planning health-related services is tricky and that the number of people in the region who are attending hospitals because they don’t have local family physicians is a sign that the population is growing and the county must adapt.

“(Health care workers) continue to see growth on a regular basis for hospitalizations,” he said. “It does show that even though our population numbers aren’t increasing (officially) we are seeing a lot more people here. When they are hospitalized here, they don’t have a physician locally to help with their care.”

Waite said that the master plan would look at how paramedic services are provided in the county over the next 10 years, approximately.

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Hike Haliburton gets go-ahead

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

County councillors want to get the tourism industry moving again; they’ve given a hearty endorsement for Hike Haliburton Winter Edition, 2022.

Council gave the green light for staff to begin preparing for a “full scale” winter hiking festival, not unlike the one held in February 2020 shortly before the Covid crisis forced the closure of such events.

This winter’s festival is set to return Feb. 5-6. Council voted unanimously to support the return of the festival after Chief Administrative Officer Mike Rutter presented a report saying that the festival could still be held while being mindful of COVID protocols.

He also said that when the event was held in 2020, 83 per cent of participants were seasonal or permanent residents of the county. Therefore, the festival is a nice event to get local people out and spending money at local businesses, but not an event that leads to a lot of travel and the increased COVID risk that tourists bring.

“It’s time to get people out and about,” said Councillor Carol Moffatt, at the Wednesday, Oct. 13 virtual meeting.

Councillor Lisa Schell added that the event’s \$3,000 cost to Haliburton County

taxpayers is “a small price to pay to bring some normalcy back to the community.”

The Feb. 2020 event featured 20 guided snowshoe hikes spread out across the county, with each municipality represented. There were about 300 participants, for an average of about 15 participants per hike. Twenty-two volunteer “hike leaders” guided the hikes, which ranged from 1.5 to 10 kilometres.

County staff feel the event has a good return, as a survey showed that 58 per cent of participants in 2020 spent money at local restaurants on the weekend.

Councillors had the option of supporting a scaled down version of the event, or deciding to not hold the event at all, but council unanimously agreed to hold a full-scale event.

Last year’s winter edition of the festival was planned, but ultimately scrapped when the province entered a strict shutdown.

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Highlands East tackles long list of zoning amendment requests

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council met virtually on the morning of Oct. 12 where the busy agenda included department monthly reports, a number of zoning amendment requests from private landowners, and a public planning meeting.

Building Department

Tracy Evans, building department administrative assistant presented the Monthly Operations Report for September. A total of 165 building permits have been issued to-date in 2021, 45 for dwellings and 12 for other. This is an increase over 135 permits issued in 2020. This year, 95 sewage system permits have been issued compared to 71 in 2020. There have been 87 final inspections to-date. The construction values to-date for 2021 are \$32,630,714, compared to \$8,705,990 last year.

Property and Facilities

Jim Alden, property supervisor, reported that the Cardiff pool officially closed for the season on Aug. 28. A total of six single passes and three family passes were sold. In addition, there were 62 admissions to the pool during the month of July and 162 in August, resulting in a total of \$1,660 in revenue. The ice is in at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena and it officially opened on Oct. 2, with league play beginning Oct. 7 with COVID-19 protocols in place.

Environmental

Megan Lockwood, environmental supervisor, reported that a leak was repaired on the service line going to the arena in Wilberforce on Sept. 27 with McNroy Maines contracted to complete the repair. International Water Supply Ltd. started the repair work on Well 1 in Cardiff on Oct. 5. The portable diesel pump was used on Sept. 23 to assist during the high flows caused by the recent rain storm at the end of September. Fall hydrant flushing in Cardiff is set to take place between Oct. 18 and 29.

Public Works

Due to all the recent rain, Brett Charboneau, operations supervisor, reported that all roads will be re-graded. Winter sand stockpiling has been completed and all the domes are full. The trucks and plows are being serviced to be ready for mid-month while three fire trucks and one tandem plow are to be safety inspected this month. Two new monitoring wells have been completed at the Tory Hill waste site. West Eels Road has been pulverized and graded but they are still awaiting the contractor for surface treatment. There have been delays due to the weather. All staff have updated certificates for first aid and a co-op student has been busy working with roads or other jobs in the shop.

Economic Development

Economic development coordinator, Joanne Vanier, summarized the data from the Visitor Information Centre. During the month of September there were 111 in-person visits and 20 phone enquiries. Of those, 55 per cent were tourists, 23 per cent were seasonal residents and 22 per cent, permanent residents. This month their main enquiries were about geocaching, followed by mineral collecting and trails. The Visitor Information Centre is now closed for the season while the information kiosks will be packed up soon for the winter. Geocaches will be maintained as required and trail counters will continue to collect data through October and then will be removed for the winter.

Administration

Council accepted the recommendation for a Land Acknowledgement Statement that will be used at all future council meetings, functions and events, in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The wording will be as follows:

"We respectfully acknowledge that the community of the Municipality of Highlands East is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations." The community of the Municipality of Highlands East respectfully acknowledges that the Williams Treaties First Nations are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue to maintain this responsibility to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come."

Planning

The Planning Report, presented by junior planner, Kim Roberts, noted that zoning and development inquiries for potential purchasers remains high and inquiries regarding commercial recreational uses of vacant land (camping, glamping etc.) have been consistent throughout the month of September.

Council addressed a number of requests for zoning amendments from private landowners and requests for shoreline allowance purchases.

Council recommended that staff enter into discussions with Rogers Communications Inc. regarding a suitable communications tower near Cardiff. Spectra Point Inc., who act for Rogers Communications Inc., have contacted the municipality with a proposal to lease municipal land outside of the Cardiff townsites for one of these new cell tower sites. The parcel of land is an 86-acre vacant parcel north of Highway 118 and west of the ball diamond off of Monck Road.

Rogers Communications Inc. would pay rent in the amount of \$1,000 per month and would be responsible for their own utility costs, the construction of access to the chosen site, and any maintenance costs for the tower site would be at their cost. A proposed site would come back for council's consideration and approval prior to any agreement being entered into. The municipality would receive \$12,000 per year in rental income from the use of the property.

County Council Report

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall provided a verbal report from County Council.

The Library Board had a special meeting on Sept. 27 and it is now in the process of developing a new strategic plan.

Deputy Mayor Ryall had the pleasure of meeting the new CEO in Haliburton, Chris Stephenson, and he looks forward to working with him and hopes he can come and introduce himself to the Highlands East council.

The shoreline presentation on Sept. 29 gave a good overview to the proposed bylaw. It clarified the difference between a setback (a legal distance in a bylaw with nothing to do with ecology) and a buffer zone, which does impact ecology. According to Deputy Mayor Ryall, they seem to be moving towards a 30-metre buffer zone. The feedback from those attending was that the wording in the current proposed bylaw is not acceptable to most people and that they had some serious concerns about it. Some of those concerns were the out-of-pocket costs, the timelines and the need for inventories of such things as Indigenous plantings and trees. There was also concern that the setbacks were focused on new development when 80 per cent of the lakes are already developed, and the proposed bylaw does not address that. It is expected that the new bylaw will potentially be very different from the proposed one. County council will be getting an update on next steps.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Courtesy or tyranny?

EARLIER THIS month, Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov and Maria Ressa won the Nobel Peace Prize. They shared the honour, “for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace.” Both Nobel laureates are journalists, and it was the first time since 1936 that the prize went to a working journalist.

Muratov and Ressa both have done work for high profile news agencies and both have seen a fair bit of blood and ink spilled in the effort to report the news freely. Their beats are a good deal more risky and their stories potentially more controversial than any that might be found in Haliburton. Nevertheless, the occasion of this prize might be an appropriate one to consider how healthy freedom of speech is locally.

Do you bite your tongue a little more frequently than you used to? Do you find yourself replaying conversations in your head to make sure that there was nothing that might be deemed offensive by some zealot? Do you find yourself restricting conversations with some people to mundane things like the weather, steering away from controversial topics that might “trigger” one group or another? Do you find yourself wishing you had the courage to say something, but instead fear that it might get you blacklisted or might result in a barrage of online criticism? Maybe these situations are telling us something about the health of free speech even in this tranquil area.

Sometimes giving pause before we speak can be an act of virtue, and taming the tongue can be a sign of having gained much wisdom. Other times, it is a sign of cowardice and a weak moral compass. It is hard to work with a misaligned conscience,

especially in journalism. Sometimes journalists bear a high price for their decisions; as a result, one hopes they are well informed by a clear conscience.

Six journalists from *Novaya Gazeta*, the Russian newspaper headed by Muratov have been killed since the paper was founded in 1993. Journalists working in the village of Haliburton might find their assignments a far cry from the front lines where Muratov’s reporters have been correspondents, yet, the challenge to report the truth is as relevant for them as it is for any other reporter; the temptation to bow down to the golden calf of political correctness can be every bit as strong in idyllic rural towns as it is in major centres.



katrina boguski

Editorial

Many of the efforts to manipulate speech are no doubt intended to have some positive end; often they are aimed at redressing some wrong or correcting some past injustice. However, the point at which good intention gives way to tyranny cannot always be observed.

Our modern culture is one which embraces the most hedonistic pleasures and engages in pursuits that would make even the most free-wheeling bohemian blush. And yet, many people are triggered and offended by statements that past generations would have called common sense. Is the effort to suppress free speech really about politeness and sensitivity, or is it about control? The next time you find yourself biting your tongue, ask yourself that question. Maybe it might give you the courage to speak even if someone will be offended. If you need a little more courage, think about Nobel Laureates Muratov and Ressa. If even the Nobel committee thinks democracy is threatened by the current state of free speech, it just might be.



Reaching for the water over Kashagawigamog Lake in Haliburton.

by Darren Lum

A sense of place

ESTHER’S FATHER Suddenly died when she was twelve. Immediately everything in her life changed. At first she was left in a kind of limbo as her mother struggled with the shock and all that followed his loss. Esther was taken in by a kindly neighbour while her dazed mother travelled by train back east with her husband’s body. Eventually she returned for Esther.

This all happened a long time ago. As Brenda sat watching the leaves coast down to the ground, she thought of her mother and how her life had been. For the first twelve years of that life, she would have looked out at a totally different landscape than what Brenda saw right now. No trees, few roads and big sky.

Brenda had a picture of her mom which would have been taken shortly before her father’s death. It showed two figures, father and daughter, astride horses with open space all around them. Esther’s father had worked for the Grain Exchange as it was called then and he visited farmers by horseback, traveling over the prairies at the beginning of the 19th century.

But after he died Esther and her mother moved to Ontario where they had family. While her mother lived off the largess of relatives, Esther basically lived in a private boarding school in downtown Toronto. The funds for her education had been part of her father’s estate.

Imagine the adjustment she would have had to make, Brenda considered, as she carried her coffee mug to the sink. Outside the window, a blue jay was gorging on sunflower seeds. The bird fluttered on the feeder, tipping its head back as though inhaling every seed. Brenda wondered if there had been many birds on the prairies.

On the few occasions Esther wasn’t at school, she stayed with her mother, aunt and uncle on a farm outside the city. Again such a different setting. Instead of a well-appointed private

school in the heart of a bustling city, the farm featured a hundred acres of farmland with an outdoor privy and hand pump in the yard for water. No stores, no traffic, no crowds.

Brenda thought the farm had probably been the next best thing to the prairies for Esther. The open fields and sky, the sense of place rooted in the ground on which she walked. As a young adult Brenda had also walked those fields and felt the space all around her. She knew when her mother had to sell the farm it would have been very difficult to lose that place of memories. Almost like losing part of herself.

The sun had just poked out from behind some clouds so Brenda whistled for Barney. Time to walk down the road and admire the fall scenery, she told him. The world was awash in orange, gold and crimson. For many people, this short brilliant season was their favourite. But Brenda liked all the seasons when they came round. Living in the country meant she was more aware of how the natural world changed over twelve months,

year after year.

She tried to imagine living in a different setting. She knew this landscape had become a part of her. Living somewhere away from nature would make her a different person somehow. Brenda didn’t know exactly how she’d be different, but this place now was too important and special to be dismissed as merely an address. And then she thought of Esther moving from horseback on the open rolling prairies to a city centre and then an Ontario farm.

We humans are highly adaptable, she told Barney. He looked up at her and wagged his tail uncertainly. A gust of wind pushed a strand of hair across Brenda’s face. She moved it away with her free hand and wondered about the wind on the prairies. What had that been like?

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points of view

Just two vowels

LAST WEEK I had to read a 230-page thesis so I could interview the author about what his research means.

I told this to a friend who immediately answered with, "I find that very hard to believe."

"What?" I said. "That I read a whole thesis to prepare for an interview?"

"No, that you can read," he said.

This got me thinking that just because I specialize in nonsense and stupidity, I am often thought of as less than smart. But, interestingly, that's only by those who know me well.

That, of course, is quite all right because there are far more people out there who don't know me at all.

For those who do, however, I have learned something from reading that thesis that is sure to change your minds regarding whether or not I have a high Eye Cue.

Basically, the researcher who authored that thesis was discussing his findings on how deer react to hunters and human activity, which was mostly by making behavioural changes and finding places of refuge from that activity. There were statistics, plotted map readings and all sorts of analysis of fine-scale and wide-scale behaviour, of course. But the biggest takeaway for me was that researchers add "ia" to words to make them sound more "sci-ency" and even smarter.

For example, instead of saying the deer find refuge, he used the term refugia – which, just like that, makes it sound smarter.

This got me thinking that scientists, researchers and other smart people probably do this a lot. Which makes sense since without the "ia" ending words like "inertia", "hypothermia" and "encyclopaedia" wouldn't sound half as smart. I was going to add amnesia to that list, but, for some reason I can't remember if that's how it's spelled.

There are probably a lot more words with that end in 'ia' too, and I bet all of them probably sound smart.

So how does this help you?

Here's a great everyday example we can probably relate to.

Say you worked in a place that dyed things – let's call it a Dye Shop.

The problem with this is that dyeing is an old craft that uses skills that we humans have passed on and developed literally since the creation of textiles. Unfortunately, because it is an old craft, some people would dismiss it as primitive and ignore the science, skill and knowledge required to do the job right. And because of this they might not respect the work as much as they should.

But what if you modernized the name just a bit to make it sound smarter? What if you were able to tell everyone that "I work hard at the Dyeria – and have for years."

Then I bet you'd be able to hold your head up high.

I think we can all agree that adding the "ia" to the word helped immeasurably in creating an image of high-brow intellectual pursuit that people are sure not to forget.

I only mention this example – not to show off my intellectual prowess – but rather as a way to dispel the myth that I am not a deep thinker. As you can see, I have given this a lot of thought. Jenn actually said way too much.

She also said, "Wow. How did this even enter your mind?"

This is further proof that by merely using the "ia" add-on, a couple of times, you really can amaze people and sound smarter, if that's even possible.

Which, of course, is the job of the humouria columnistia.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Out for a drive (circa 1937). On the roof of the car Bryce Hussey, Bernice Kellett Hussey, and Carl Hussey (lying down). Vi Kellett in rumble seat. Submitted by Wayne Hussey

Veteran defends Canadian flag

To the Editor,

Flags will remain at half-mast until agreement is reached with Indigenous leaders: Trudeau

This is not a just cause to keep our nation's flag at half mast, as decreed by the Prime Minister.

Our Canadian flag must be free and re-hoisted to full mast. It must not be used as a bargaining chip.

This shows a lack of respect for our nation's symbol.

Flags are a representation of honour and pride for Canada and Canadians. Flags should always be treated with respect and displayed in a dignified manner. For the flag is a symbol of national unity and how we treat our symbol is a reflection of ourselves.

John Fefchak.
A Cold War Veteran and
frequent visitor to Haliburton

Reader wishes success to Huskies

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Paul Wilson and The Haliburton Huskies for making the Minden arena their home. This appreciation also extends to the Minden Council for helping to facilitate this exciting endeavour. Junior teams that do not own their areas typically do not make money. They do, however provide significant economic stimulus to the community in which they reside. Not only does this result in direct dollars to our community it also attracts visitors and awareness to our area. In the years to come, we will also see the benefit and support a local junior team provides to our minor hockey system. The Haliburton Huskies have spent over \$180,000 so far on improvements to our arena! I believe anything we, as a community,

can do to help this franchise be a success is hugely beneficial to all of us. I would like to also thank Minden Council for allowing alcohol sales, every effort that helps this team stay in our County is wonderful. As someone who has attended countless junior hockey games in numerous arenas, a two-hour afternoon hockey game is not a wild drunken frenzy, as some may imagine. I also take exception to the worry about our Council assisting local businesses. I believe that should be the rule, not the exception. I join everyone in wishing the best for this junior team and nothing but success in the years to come.

Andrew Hodgson
Minden



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Motivating students with hands-on learning

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Grace Hudson started the day, she didn't think she would enjoy plumbing, but that changed after she participated in the Tools in the Trades Boot Camp held at the school on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Hudson came into the day with aspirations of studying interior design at post-secondary school, as part of a plan to stay in the area and make money with an effort to buy and flip houses, but was left intrigued by the prospect of adding plumbing to her future after she learned how to install a sink faucet and its related piping and fittings.

Hudson was one of 27 participating senior students and said the hands-on plumbing experience really changed her perception of the trade.

"I kind of had an idea it was more dirty and not that fun, but, honestly, I really enjoyed what we did today," she said. "Now I kind of understand it is something I want to do and I like the hands-on. With my future goals, it's definitely something I could consider to do and maybe even do it on the side or work with a team."

She encourages other students to participate in boot camps like she did where students learned to install a sump pump and a sink faucet.

"A lot of people have a fixed idea about the trades and stuff, but it definitely is fun and not what you expect when you get out and do it," she said.

Part of Ontario Support Youth program, the day-long boot camp enabled an opportunity for Grade 11 and 12 students at the high school to receive hands-on lessons in plumbing and provided advice about what employers are looking for in employees, including a brief presentation about ever-increasing local demands in the trade industry by Aggie Tose, executive officer with the Haliburton County Home Builders Association.

Tose said she believes in facilitating the next generation of trade workers.

"I want the door open to the school and the association because we got 58 companies that need employees and we need them from somewhere. We've just got to open the door," she said.

She adds there are seven on the G.J. Burtch Construction Enterprises Ltd. that are between the ages of 55 to 62.

"Those are getting old. They don't like roofs They don't like bending down," she said. "And everybody is in the same boat."

Right now, the trades, particularly masonry and plumbing have the greatest need in this area, Tose said. She thought it was helpful for the boot camp to be set up in full view of the public in front of County Road 21.

"Especially people driving by. They need to know that we have opportunities for people. And the trades is such a great opportunity. It really is. There are so many opportunities for them," she said.

Each participating student left with new skills and was also given a starter tool kit valued at \$250. The kit included a pipe cutter, wrenches, a multi-head screwdriver, a level, adjustable wrenches, tape measure and a bag to hold everything.

Hudson was impressed by the collection of tools, particularly the pipe cutting tool and the multi-head screwdriver. She said she could install a vanity at her residence on Kushog Lake now.

The senior student welcomed the practical lesson, but also the theoretical lesson related to what employers want.

"You don't need the experience and it's more about your attitude and your qualities you have as a worker like being on time and your problem solving skills and organization. And your attitude is huge. They taught you how to get a job in the trades and what they're looking for and what makes you look good. They definitely did a lot. They also [helped] you do mock interviews, which was really useful," she said.

HHSS transportation and construction teacher Chris Simpson, who has been at the school for 15 years, appreciated the boot camp for how it offered more than two dozen students tangible skills, but can also prove to be beneficial to employers and the community.

"You couldn't do this for that many individual kids, but having this boot camp through [Ontario Support Youth] is just phenomenal. They have four different boot camps that they can run. Our board is going to have three," he said, referring to plumbing in Haliburton, automotive at the Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Sec-



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Grace Hudson installs a sink faucet and the related piping during the Tools in the Trades Boot Camp on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at the high school in Haliburton. Students not only received instruction and hands-on plumbing experience, but also heard what employers are looking for when hiring. /DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Scott King, from left, Myles Sharp and Logan Malette work together to assemble and install a sump pump

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Average age of most plumbers and a lot of trades people is rolling towards 60. We're going to be [facing] a huge, huge shortage in the near future.

— HHSS transportation and construction teacher Chris Simpson

ondary School in Bracebridge, and millwright work in I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay.

"Actually be able to practice the soft skills, essential skills, as part of a workshop and then go and do some hard hands-on [skill building]. Today the plumbed up vanities. Installed taps. Put together some fittings, some piping, and got a wicked tool kit out of the deal, a nice lunch and hopefully [retain] some skills," he said.

Simpson said this opportunity was possible from a coordination between the board and the boot camp organizers.

His hope is for it to continue to be offered next year. "Absolutely, because it's not something that I don't have time to do, nor do I have the funding to do. I would love to do more plumbing in the courses, but at the price

of everything, it's just not feasible. Whereas we got an organization that is funded by the government, as well as private organizations. Why not? Why not? I think it's really worthwhile for them to do it," he said.

He would like to have this be offered every year, so more students are exposed to the trades that needs new people.

"Average age of most plumbers and a lot of trades people is rolling towards 60. We're going to be [facing] a huge, huge shortage in the near future," he said.

He's heard from a friend, looking for a plumber that they will have to wait for two months before their needs are met.

Simpson valued how the outdoor lesson's are effective for his students.

"They were all engaged. It was beautiful to watch," he said.

The event also provided HHSS hospitality students an opportunity to put their skills to work, as they helped to make and serve lunch to the boot camp participants.

Simpson thought having the boot camp set up in front of the school was ideally situated.

"We do have demands [that need to be met in the trades] and, hopefully, if someone is driving by and they have a son or daughter here maybe it will give them more of an enticement to maybe come and participate. The biggest thing is exposure. There is only so much we can do in the normal every day courses, so when we get the opportunity to do something like this [we need to] absolutely do it," he said.

Tarr and Cicigoi shine as Huskies blank Cougars 5-0

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

A 39-save shut out by Christian Cicigoi and an Oliver Tarr hat trick was the fuel to help the Haliburton County Huskies blank the Cobourg Cougars 5-0, Saturday at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena. A packed house played witness to a team hungry to avenge their opening day loss against the Lindsay Muskies. Coming home from a three game road trip with two wins and a loss, the Huskies made a statement with a very commanding shut-out victory.

From the opening drop of the puck, the Huskies had complete control of the game. Starting off with two fantastic chances by Tarr, any momentum the Cougars thought they had was swiftly crushed. The Tarr show didn't stop there, the first goal of the game would come at 7:15 in the first period. A textbook feed from Patrick Saini, put the Uxbridge, Ontario forward in prime position to backhand the puck up over Carter Tahk to give the Huskies the first lead of the game.

A few good chances from the Cougars fell by the wayside as Tarr wasn't done scoring. Nathan Porter set up Tarr just past the midway point of the period, blasting a bullet of shot past Tahk to double the Huskies lead. Roughly 40 seconds later, Del Mar, California forward Davis Bone cashed in on a feed from Isaac Sooklal to score his first goal as a Huskie s player and give the team a three goal lead heading into the first intermission.



Huskies shut out the Cougars on home ice. /ALEX GALLACHER Special to the Echo

Less than a minute into the second period, Tarr made more team history. Capitalizing on another perfect pass from Saini, Tarr lit the lamp again to score the first hat trick in Huskies history. The final goal of the tilt came off the stick of Lucas Stevenson at the 17 min mark, his first as a Huskie and first career OJHL goal. While the third period recorded no scoring, the Cobourg Cougars would have nothing for the Huskies who held on for the 5-0 win.

Outshooting the Cougars 52-39, the fans at the Nesbitt were treated to a near perfect game of hockey. Moving to a record of 3-2-0-0, the Huskies now trail the Lindsay Muskies and Wellington Dukes by a single point in the East division. While

sitting a further eight points back of the undefeated division leader: the Trenton Golden Hawks.

"This was probably the most solid 60 minutes of hockey we have played all season," said Huskies head coach Ryan Ramsay. "The team just worked so well together and had complete control from start, it's really nice to get our first home victory in front of a packed house."

For goaltender Christian Cicigoi, his debut was as perfect as perfect could get. Since being acquired from the Powassan Voodoos on Oct. 13, the former North Bay Battalion netminder was eager to make a good first impression on the Huskies fans. With a 39 save shutout, the first in team

history, the Thunder Bay, Ontario native was elated after being named first star of the game.

"The guys on this team just made it so easy for me," Cicigoi said. "It was so much fun out there and the people here are amazing. Overall it was a great win for us and I can't wait to get back on the ice."

To nobody's surprise, Tarr went out and put on another stellar performance putting him atop everyone's one's to watch list. With a total of 6 goals so far this season, Tarr moves into a three way tie with Milton's Jordan Stock and Toronto Jr Canadians' Eric Vitale for the league lead. The 19-year-old was buzzing post game after his best showing of the year.

"It's so much fun to go out there and light the lamp," Tarr said. "The guys gave me so many good chances and it doesn't matter what barn you're in, it's always amazing to go out and score goals in front a crowd like the one we had."

The Huskies will be on the road Monday, Oct. 18 as they face off in the second leg of the home and home series with the Cobourg Cougars. Wednesday, Oct. 20 they will hit the ice at the iconic St. Michael's College to take on the St. Michaels' Buzzers, before coming back home Saturday, Oct. 23 to host their second game against the Wellington Dukes. The Huskies fell 5-1 against the Dukes in their first meeting and will be hungry for some revenge. Puck drop is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

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Tashlin's humility and achievement an example to follow

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Olympic standards may be only numbers on their own, but for Haliburton County's only Olympian, Lesley Tashlin represents so much more and stands for what is possible.

Tashlin, married to Craig Taylor, and mother of two daughters, Jorga, 19, and Emma, 24, with her own business in Ottawa, ran the 100 metre hurdles and the 4 x 100 metre relay at the Atlanta Games in 1996.

A year before Atlanta she was the Canadian champion and several years before that won gold for York University in 1992. Her close to 10 year career representing Canada on the world stage racing the best track athletes in the world included reaching finals in four major international events, including fourth place finishes in the Commonwealth Games and the Pan Am Games. Tashlin retired from track in 2002.

Tashlin, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate and Athlete of the Year in 1988, is a humble hero that is an inspiration to young people here, who were compelled to put forth an effort to have her (and her brother Taly Williams) be included among the professional athletes that have their likeness in murals on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena.

Before Tashlin had national and international success in university and on the world stage, she was an all-around athlete in high school, competing for the field hockey team, badminton team, volleyball team and the track team at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

When she went to school athletics was integral to her life there, she said.

"Academics was not the draw," she said. "It was, 'I get to play field hockey. I get to do volleyball. I get to do this. Ok, I'll be there.' Also, kids don't get exposed to what maybe they might have a talent for. I think when I was going to school regardless how you felt about academics a good number of us were involved in sports teams that were available, male and female. It was just part of school. I found it really valuable. You learn a lot on a team. How to work together. How to get over your differences and when kids don't have that opportunity I'm thinking, perhaps, they're not getting life skills just while playing a sport," she said.

High school track coach and teacher Paul Morissette said her story is about how anyone from humble beginnings can achieve anything.

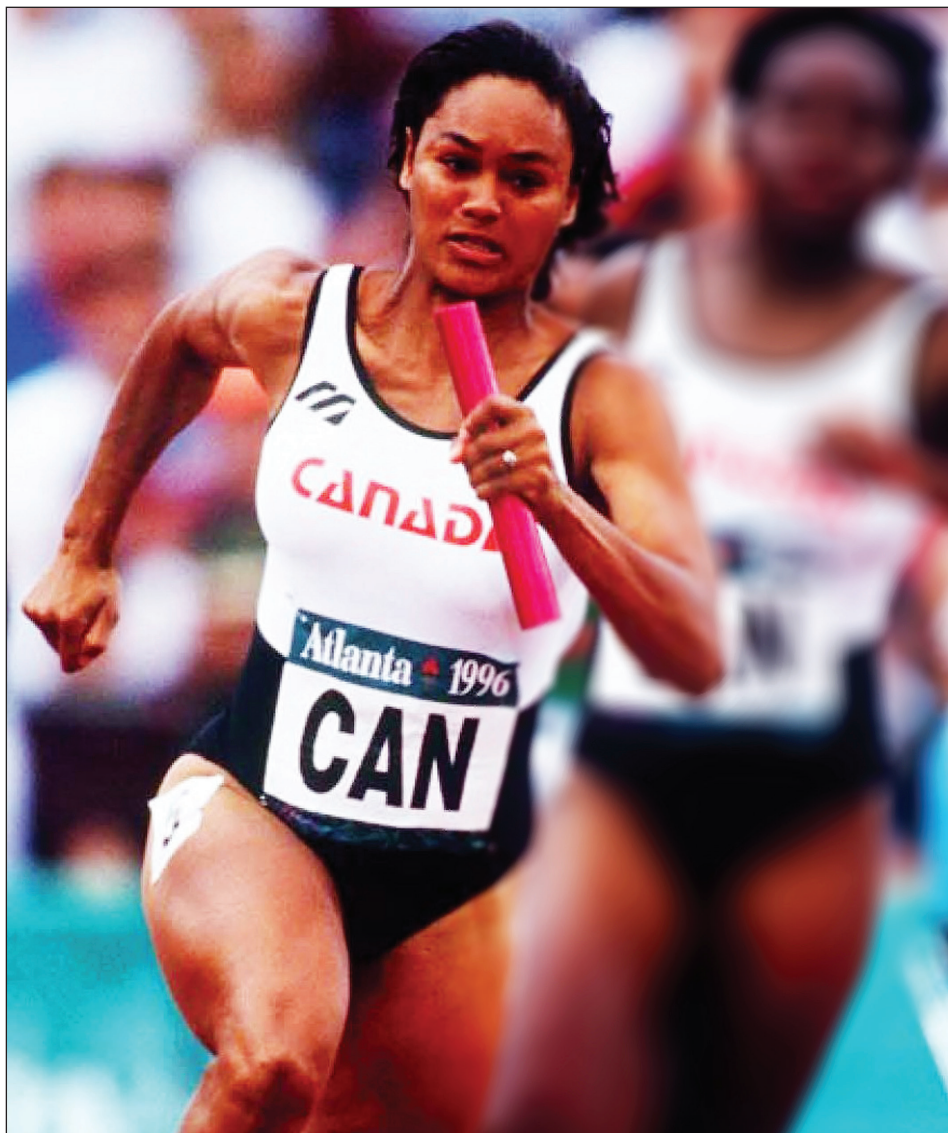
From his experience, high performance athletes often put sport first, but that wasn't the case with Tashlin just like her four siblings, who were all excellent academic students, he added.

He remembers how she was an introvert by nature unlike her siblings, but let her performances and attitude on the pitch and court speak volumes.

With the exception of track athletes like Canadian sprinter Andre Degraesse, who won gold at Tokyo, money is difficult to come by. Track is for a love of sport and camaraderie for athletes such as Tashlin.

"To be a high level athlete in a non-monetary sport and most of our Olympic sports we just watch them in summer other than the gold medalist and that sort of thing. All the other members of the teams it's a day to day thing. It's got to be a love of competition and the dream of becoming an Olympian, knowing full well ... it's not like hockey, baseball, or basketball. It's a love of sport," he said.

Without discounting Tashlin's talents, he said it was her drive and discipline she exhibited during her time training at the post-secondary school level of athletics that he believed was pivotal to her



Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame inductee Lesley Tashlin is the only Olympian in the group. She said being able to give back to athletics as a massage therapist is even more rewarding than her own personal athletic achievements. /Photo submitted

achievements in becoming the best in Canada and among the best hurdlers in the world.

"Of course you need talent, but Lesley was never a high school champion. She medaled at OFSAA. Never a gold medal. She did all the other sports as well. Most kids who are at the highest level as a high school athlete begin to refine into one particular sport. She didn't do that," he said.

He remembers how she competed at the all-provincials in mixed doubles badminton and was then out training for track because to her it was fun.

"The main thing I would thrust [forward] is that sports has become so highly perfected and even at a young age you see these young hockey players at 10 or 12 years old and everything is AAA and they have shooting practice it's almost work. For her it was fun in her youth. It was always fun. That's the lesson. She only got serious when she was at university and beyond," he said.

He adds part of her athletic achievements came after she had her first child in 1997, which at the time was not the norm like it is now. He said it was inspirational her improvement was achieved despite the logistical challenges, juggling being a parent and a high performance athlete.

The narrative of coming from small town Haliburton and making it big wasn't really part of Tashlin's motivation.

"For whatever reason, in my outlook coming from a small town didn't mean I couldn't do it. Maybe it was because I wasn't solely in a small town all the time," she said.

She adds she was born in Toronto and left for regular trips to the city with her mother and spent three years attending a gymnastics school in Toronto. It offered her perspective and broadened her sense of what was possible.

"My achievement was just something

I decided to do. I won't say anyone can do it because clearly that's not the case, but there is at least the opportunity there to do your best to get to where you want to go. Sometimes things don't work out the way you want them to, or sometimes unfortunately the talent level isn't quite there, but that doesn't mean anyone should stop. Try because you never know," she said. "That's the thing for myself. I had no idea. I didn't leave high school in Haliburton thinking I was going to the Olympics. I didn't think about that at all. I just decided to continue to do track and field."

She said it took a person to tell her that she had the potential that motivated her to work towards the Olympics at a time when athletes are peaking.

The past several months, area youth have taken to her story as motivation for their own aspirations for what is possible. Last year, when a Grade 7 and 8 J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary class with teacher Marina Thomazo learned about her story and her brother's they knew it needed to be celebrated and saw the mural wall of athletes for the perfect recognition of her Olympic achievement. From what they perceived to be an injustice, it led the way for them to campaign for her and her brother to be included on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena like other high standing athletes.

Tashlin credited the students for their efforts, particularly Sky MacArthur for writing her, seeking approval to pursue the town council's approval, which initiated the effort.

"It wouldn't have happened if she didn't say, 'hey can I send this woman an email,'" she said. "Whatever triggered her to do this I'm going to do this. I don't know ... but good on her."

It's not only youth here, but also her daughters, who have appreciated the

story of the class' effort.

"They heard about it as it unfolded. They think it's really cool mum will be on the side of the arena. Mum is a little apprehensive about seeing a big picture of herself up there to be honest with you. They're pretty pumped about it. I have to say they think more about the fact I went to the Olympics than I do myself," she said.

Her youngest daughter, Jorga, 19, is striving to follow in her footsteps, she said.

Thus far a broken ankle and the pandemic has done little to dissuade her on her path to the Olympics, but she remains steadfast in her desire to follow in her mother's footsteps.

Tashlin and her husband made a conscious decision to not push their talented daughters into high performance sports.

"Just because I did it doesn't mean you have to do it," she said.

Her daughter though is keen to represent the nation like her mother.

"I never said you had to hurdle. And she just gave me this look and said, 'Yeah, but I wanted to do what you did,'" she said.

Giving back to sport after competing is more fulfilling for Tashlin than her past achievements, she said.

After competing for Canada at the Commonwealth Games in 1994 and 1998, the Pan American Games in 1995 and 1999, the Olympics and Jeux de la Francophonie in 2001, she rejoined the national program as a registered sports massage therapist, providing care to athletes because of seeing another Canadian athlete, who left athletics and became a massage therapist and returned to help other athletes.

"One of the things that stands out for me is not necessarily what I personally did as an athlete. What I really enjoy through all of this was giving back by being able to as a massage therapist help other athletes trying to get to where they want to go," she said. "When I was an athlete it was pretty lean. Even with the integrated support team they have now [which includes] massage therapists, chiropractors, physiotherapists, sports med docs. All those people. When I was travelling before you were lucky if you had a massage therapist and then everyone wanted to see that one massage therapist and I'll give credit to them. They worked their butts off to help us."

Despite the broader coverage of help and support available to high ranked Canadian athletes, which is a contrast to when she competed, she believes she can still help. It's a contrast to when she was competing when a massage therapist was hot commodity among athletes, leaving her to work out things on her own. She's taken this past experience, bolstered by her techniques to help other athletes.

"To be able to share the things that I had learned. You know in how to take care of myself when there is nobody around. Little tricks," she said.

Enabling others to live a pain-free life is an important motivator to Tashlin.

"An athlete may come and afford a half hour, but they need an hour and a half. For me, knowing what it was like to not have it and need it I feel good about being able to give back to them for them to get their success," she said. "That's one of the things I look back at and I'm pleased about that."

Although she hasn't worked with national team for a few years, she did work with Canadian shot put thrower Tim Nedow, who competed at the Tokyo Summer Games this year and finished 16th in the world, who came to her after the games to thank her.

"It makes it all worth it," she said.



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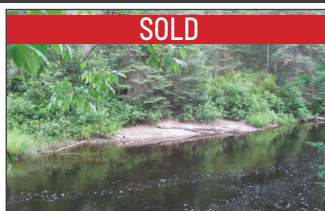
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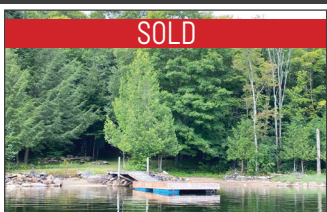
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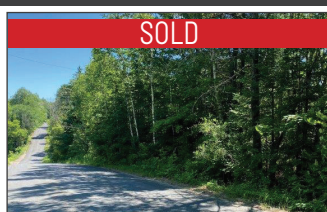
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Miskwabi Lake \$1,400,000

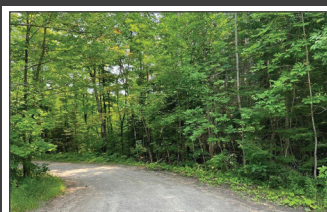
- 2274sf, 4-bedroom, 2 bath, built 2006
- Open concept, floor-ceiling stone FP
- Sand/rock shoreline, 2 lake chain
- Great privacy & WEST exposure



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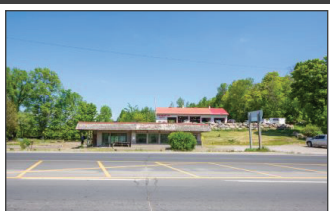
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxis

5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)

8. Single-strand break

11. Combinations of countries

13. Cutting tool

14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine

15. Actress Lathan

16. Chatter incessantly

17. Energy, style and enthusiasm

18. Simple shoe

20. Woman (French)

21. Abnormal rattling sound

22. Able to change

25. Future butterfly

30. Used in cooking and medicine

31. A street for nightmares

32. French modernist painter

33. Dishonors

38. Integrated data processing

41. Frameworks

43. Apply new materials

45. Where merch is displayed

48. American figure skater Lipinski

49. Cycles per second

50. Oohed and __

55. Dark olive black

56. Peyton's little brother

57. Plant in the bean family

59. A wife: __ covert

60. Born of

61. Arranges balls on the pool table

62. Title of Italian monk

63. Tooth caregiver

64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Dan Rather's old network

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. __ fide (Latin)

4. Sign of healing

5. Warm-blooded vertebrate

6. Model

7. Of or relating to plants

8. Plant of the heath family

9. Where to weigh something

10. Internal structure

12. __ Paulo, city

14. South Slavic person

19. A way to record

23. Have already done

24. As much as one can hold

25. Auburn legend Newton

26. Comedienne Gasteyer

27. Beloved dog Rin Tin __

28. Midway between east and southeast

29. Call it a career

34. Former CIA

35. American time

36. Confederate general

37. Soviet Socialist Republic

39. Travel downward

40. Made red-blue

41. Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc

42. Capital of Italy

44. Small bunches of flowers

45. Calvary sword

46. A distinctive, pleasant odor

47. A well-defined track or path

48. Cereal used to make flour

51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. Famed men's basketball program

58. Midway between south and southeast

Answers on page 14

Relishing the good crop of tomatoes

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Condolences are expressed to the Sherwoods. Dave, brother Bob and Dave's wife Cheryl on the death of Betty Sherwood who has spent the remaining time of her life at Highland Wood where she received loving care.

Sympathy is also extended to those who were near and dear to Charlotte Watt, formerly in charge of Rip's Sleepy Hollow camping resort of the shore of Pine Lake at Nile Road.

On a more personal note: the apple crop around here has failed this year. It was a bumper crop a year ago and this year is taking a rest. What it means is no apple jelly making for me. However, there were apples of another kind to blend with my

good crop of tomatoes and onions for Indian Relish, a recipe from the old Watkins cookbook. A sufficient supply of tomatoes made a few jars of tomato soup.

The gorgeous colours of fall this year lasted until Thanksgiving, gladly appreciated by the folks coming to celebrate that significant festive weekend.

The local library is still a wonderful source of enjoyment in those cooler and darker days as November encroaches upon us. Candles are also a delight for longer nights. What with books, singing with sister, June at the piano and generally chatting away is much, the season approaching becomes appealing. Visitors, too, are always welcome. Please accept this casual but eager invitation.

Another sign that the warmer season is over is the arrival of Casey Cox's vehicle to transport the cattle back to his farm and leave this pasture looking blank till next May.

Until Christmas card time then, take care everyone. Stay healthy and happy as I sign off for October.

Gooderham resident charged with weapons offences

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Gooderham resident with weapons offences after responding to a residence in Highlands East.

On Oct. 14, at approximately 9:07 p.m., officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were dispatched to a call reporting an altercation between two males involving a firearm at a residence located on County Road 503 in the Township of Highlands East, Haliburton County.

As a result of the investigation a 43 year-old from Gooderham, was charged with:

- Pointing a firearm
- Possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose
- Possession of firearm or ammunition

contrary to prohibition order

- Mischief under \$5,000
- Failure to comply with release order - three counts

The accused is being held in custody pending a bail hearing.

County Road 503 was temporarily closed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. for the police investigation. The OPP Emergency Response Team, Tactics and Rescue Unit and Canine Unit attended the scene. There is no threat to public safety.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca>.

Submitted by Haliburton County OPP







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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT An electronic meeting will be held Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to consider these applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

The media and the general public can view the Land Division Committee meeting webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/JpDX_WMvgjs

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-022/21
Applicant: Paul and Michelle Smart
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 9, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dudley, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: New Lot
2. File No. H-023/21
Applicant: Smartfive Holdings Inc.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 8 and 9, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dudley, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: New Lot
3. File No. H-024/21
Applicant: Smartfive Holdings Inc.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 8 and 9, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dudley, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
4. File No. H-026/21
Applicant: Catharine and Karl Gonnson
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 1, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Dudley, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: Easement for access
5. File No. H-027/21
Applicant: Marilyn Kuno
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: Easement for access

Additional information regarding the above applications is available for public inspection electronically by request during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 19 day of October, 2021.

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This year's Apple Sauce Project effort is bringing 1,300 servings of apple sauce to be given to seniors in the Highlands thanks to the generosity of residents, who harvested the autumn bounty from community trees and donated 480 pounds of apples for the cause.

The annual autumn effort helps to provide access to a nutritional source of food, fulfilling a need for seniors and those who are vulnerable, particularly during the autumn and winter months.

Eric Wolfe, SIRCH coordinator of marketing and promotion said this is an effective way to get the community involved by asking them to donate from community trees. He adds from their research, providing the apple sauce helps to address a gap in social services.

The apple sauce was processed by volunteers and will be distributed through the Community Kitchen Program to seniors and to those in need. Unlike other years, when the coordination includes multiple groups of FoodNet, this year SIRCH took on the effort because of changing COVID-19 protocols.

The Apple Sauce Project has been held since 2014.



Haliburton resident Bill Gliddon drops an apple into a basket, as part of the collection of some 480 pounds of apples, which were processed by volunteers into 1,300 servings of apple sauce for this year's Apple Sauce Project. The apple sauce is being distributed through the Community Kitchen Program run by SIRCH. /DARREN LUM Staff



County of Haliburton Notice

2022 Budget

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that Haliburton County Council will be reviewing the 2022 Budget at their regular scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

And that further 2022 budget discussions will occur thereafter at regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meetings until the budget is approved.

- Wednesday, December 8, 2021
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650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. A Private Celebration of Kathy's Life will be held at the funeral home. The service will be live streamed and will be available to view on our website for one week following the service. The link for the service is in the Photos and Videos and will appear the day of the service at 1:30 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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Election prompts call for reform

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Canada's Conservative party will form another minority government after last week's federal election and while the returning MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock says the election was worthwhile and will create a more stable parliament, the election outcome has other political personalities calling for electoral reform in Canada.

The Green and NDP parties in particular are calling for electoral reform that would incorporate some kind of proportional representation, a system that directly translates popular support into votes.

While Canada's Green party received a record 940,000 votes in the election, the party is still without a seat in the House of Commons.

"Absolutely we need to lean more to proportional representation," said Michael Bell, a Peterborough resident who ran as the Green party candidate in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding, adding he thought last week's election was an unnecessary one.

Bell said he thought the way the Greens had been shut out of the House was akin to the way U.S. President George Bush won the 2000 election despite receiving less of the popular vote than Democratic rival Al Gore.

See **Election** page 14



MATT JAMES/Echo

Hike – and bike – Haliburton

Hike Haliburton greeter Heather Reid powers up a hill during Saturday's Bike the Forest at Haliburton Forest as Forest employee Sabrina Cook and Toronto's Jennifer Renaud walk behind. Sections of the trails are quite challenging. More photos from the festivities are on pages 9 and 19.

Youth vote goes to 18-year-old NDP candidate

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

If students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School had their way, Stephen Yardy, the 18-year-old who ran as the NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in last week's federal election, would be the riding's new MP.

In a mock election held at the school last week, 478 students cast ballots and Yardy came out as the winner, garnering 31.8 per cent of the vote.

Incumbent MP Barry Devolin, who actually won the riding, received 27.8 per cent of the high school vote followed by Green party candidate Michael Bell with 27 per cent.

Liberal candidate Marlene

White received 10.9 per cent and Christian Heritage party candidate Dave Switzer had 2.5 per cent of the vote.

In the actual election, Devolin won in a landslide garnering 56 per cent of the popular vote. White was next with just over 20 per cent, followed by Yardy with 14.6 per cent, Bell with 8.3 per cent and Switzer with less than one per cent of the vote.

See **Enrolments** page 12

Review doesn't mean schools will close: principal

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

Even though closure is one possible outcome of the program assessment for Wilberforce and Cardiff schools, it is not the only outcome, the principal of both schools says.

It was announced in September that due to low enrolment the school board would be appointing a program assessment and review committee (PARC) to determine whether the schools meet the provincial standards of education for the elementary students learning there.

"My wish is that everyone would understand and respect the process," said principal Elaine Fournier in an interview with the *Echo* at Cardiff Elementary School. "It's human nature to leap to the possibility of closing," she said.

Both Cardiff and Wilberforce have 62 students. Cardiff hosts kids from junior kindergarten right up to Grade 8, while Wilberforce goes to Grade 6.

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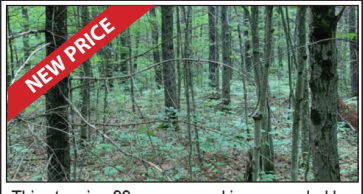
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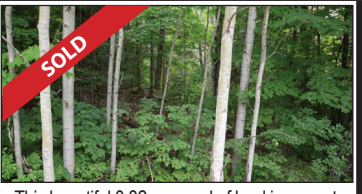
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